

42. (new) A solid preparation according to claim 40, wherein the metal complex containing a tripodal ligand of the formula (1) as defined therein has an average particle size of less than 20  $\mu\text{m}$ .

43. (new) A process according to claim 22, which is a process for removing printing inks from printed waste paper (de-inking).--

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REMARKS

Claims 22-43 have been added and are the only claims pending. The newly presented claims are supported by the original claims. Applicants note that in formula (3) in claim 27,  $R_2$ ,  $R_2'$  and  $R_2''$  have been replaced by  $R_9$ ,  $R_9'$  and  $R_9''$  to be consistent with the numbering in formula (1). No new matter has been added.

Applicants aver that the claims are now in proper form for examination. An Action on the merits of the claims is respectfully awaited.

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